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REMARKS:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The above noted amendments to the claims have been made so that the language of the claims is more precise and clear in defining what the Applicants consider to be their invention. Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to correct two typographical errors that occurred during conversion of the application to XML format for electronic filing.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by the proposed amendments to the claims. Support for the above amendments to the claims can be found in the original specification as filed in at least the following locations:

Amendment to Claim:	Disclosure in Specification Supporting Amendment:
C ₃₋₈ carboxylic acids	Abstract
C ₂₋₁₂ alkyl iodides	Paragraph 19

The claims and amended claims are submitted as being clearly distinct and patentable over the art of record and therefore Applicant respectfully requests their entry and allowance by the Examiner.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 10437.0073.NPUS01.

The Examiner should directly contact the undersigned representative by telephone to discuss any issues or questions presented by this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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